

City of Hartford Police Department Neighborhood Policing Plan



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To our Community Partners:

It is now over six months since I have accepted Mayor Perez's invitation to lead the Hartford Police Department. Most of this time has been spent getting to know this great and historic City, getting to know the Department, and getting to know you. There is still much that I have to learn about Hartford and the HPD, but I have already come to appreciate the rich diversity of this City and the professionalism and devotion to service of the men and women of the Department, and commitment to public safety of the citizens of Hartford.

As you know, a number of changes have been made to the Police Department since I took over as Chief. What used to be called the Operations Division has been divided into two Bureaus: the Criminal Investigations Bureau led by Assistant Chief Mark Pawlina and the Community Services Bureau headed by Assistant Chief Andrew Rosenzweig. Chief Pawlina has had an outstanding career in the HPD and I am delighted that he is now our Chief of Detectives. Chief Rosenzweig is new to the HPD, but is well known and highly respected among police professionals. A former colleague of mine in the NYPD, Chief Rosenzweig comes to us from a stint as assistant chief with the Providence, Rhode Island Police Department where he spearheaded a major reorganization effort. Assistant Chief Lester McKoy will continue to lead the Support Services Bureau.

To support Chief Rosenzweig, Michael J. Fallon and Daryl K. Roberts have been pro-

moted to Deputy Chief. You know Chief Fallon for his exemplary service as the Commander of Downtown and Special Operations and Chief Roberts as an excellent patrol boss and most recently the vigorous commander of Juvenile Services.

The two new Deputies, working alongside the three Assistant Chiefs and me, have been hard at work developing plans for giving the Department, and particularly the Community Services Bureau, a greater sense of geographic accountability while maintaining our present concern for answering calls for service as quickly as the situation demands. I believe strongly that the most effective way of policing a community, no matter how large and how diverse, is by dividing it into geographical areas and empowering the cops and their bosses who work in these areas. At the same time, effective policing means city-wide action and thorough professional investigations and top quality administrative and technical support. The plans that we have developed and will be implementing over the coming months are aimed at improving each of these aspects of the Department's operations.

I am looking forward very much to 2005. With your help, I believe that we can make the HPD one of the best police departments in the country and, more importantly, make Hartford a much safer community.

Chief Patrick J. Harnett

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HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING PLAN

The Hartford Police Department's Neighborhood Policing Plan calls for the creation of four police Districts comprised of eight (8) zones (see map on page three.) Each District will be commanded by a captain and each zone will be commanded by a lieutenant.

The North Division, to be commanded by Deputy Chief Daryl K. Roberts, will include the Northwest and Northeast Districts; and the South Division, commanded by Deputy Chief Michael Fallon, will include the Southwest and Southeast Districts. The two divisions, four districts and eight zones are as follows:

North Division includes:

- Northwest District with Zone 1 (Blue Hills) and Zone 2 (West End and Asylum Hill).
- Northeast District made up of Zone 3 (Northeast and North Meadows) and Zone 4 (Upper Albany and Clay Arsenal).

The South Division includes:

- Southwest District with Zone 5 (South Green and Frog Hollow) and Zone 6 (Parkville, Behind the Rocks and Southwest).
- Southeast District with Zone 7 (Downtown and Sheldon/Charter Oak) and Zone 8 (South Meadows, Southend and Barry Square).

In developing the districts and zones, Deputy Chiefs Fallon and Roberts considered many factors, including: physical barriers, existing neighborhood boundaries, projects underway, input from department members and community input.

Each district captain will act as an advocate and leader for district priorities. The captain and their zone commanders will be in direct contact with their communities. Together, with input from their officers, they will analyze emerging crime patterns. The district captain will be the primary manager of police resources. The captain will have a stake in community progress and the authority to take tangible steps toward solving problems and achieving community goals.

Captains and lieutenants will be advocating for what their officers need to do the job. Community service officers will continue in their capacity of serving as liaison with their respective neighborhoods, but there will now be a neighborhood Zone Commander, responsible and accountable for activities within the zone.

Each district will have a "Conditions Team" to work on quality of life issues and/or pattern crimes as these problems are identified. We have had significant success in pushing down the level of violent crime in Hartford this past year, but property crime has been creeping up and quality of life issues continue to be the foremost concern of many citizens. The Neighborhood Policing Plan will help the police maintain a focus on these important issues and on our primary objective of reducing crime, fear and disorder throughout the city.

Each district will have a narcotics team assigned to investigate the people who actually control narcotics dealing in the neighborhoods. Police efforts will be focused and intensive, as our narcotics teams pursue investigations against the local drug trafficking groups who seem to think they own some of the street corners in Hartford. The narcotics teams will be responsive to District Commanders and will be delivering much more effective and consistent narcotics enforcement aimed at eliminating drug operations and arresting the people running these operations.

The new Neighborhood Policing Plan calls for no change in our current patrol car plan. We will continue to benefit from the great work of community service officers and school resource officers, however, our department philosophy and practice is that every officer in the Hartford Police Department works toward protecting and serving our community, whether by arresting dangerous felons, interdicting narcotic traffickers, investigating past crimes, or doing any of the other many functions that support these efforts.

The plan will be implemented starting on February 6, 2005. The intentions of the plan are clear: that in the not to distant future the Hartford Police Department and its community partners will be recognized as one of the best models of information led community policing in America. As a community we deserve nothing less.